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EXCESS PROFITS TAX.

The excess profits tax must go. That much is sure. The question before the house is what will take its place. Business men big and little are united in their opposition to the cumbersome law which was wished upon them as a war measure and it is being retained apparently because Congress does not know how to let go.

The present tax has worse features than those of intricacy and difficulty of estimating it. It confiscates earnings necessary to strengthen business concerns, takes possession of a large part of new investment money which has heretofore furnished capital for commercial and financial development, extinguishes business extravagance in paying out profits freely, because otherwise the greater part of them would go to the tax collector. It is pointed out that the present methods of taxation threaten to drain the resources on which the entire business structure of the United States depend and while many predictions are heard that taxation will depress the country must face the fact that for many years to come the requirements of our debts, including the amounts loaned to allies as well as the high rates at which government expenditures are fixed will call for a taxation of from four to five billion dollars a year.

The plan which seems to be gaining ground faster than any other is that which proposes to place a tax on all sales in which every resident must pay equally toward the expenses of the government. It is claimed that for this plan that a tax of 1 per cent will produce as much revenue as the present income and excess profit tax. The chief objection goes to the method of collection. To meet this problem it will probably be necessary to resort to stamps. By this method it would be a comparatively simple matter and would require a much smaller staff to collect and practically no expert services. It is recognized that this would be a radical departure from other forms of taxation but the idea is gaining ground both in city and country. If its proponents are correct the revenue would be fully as great as that derived under the present system while the taxes themselves would be more equitably distributed and the collection made infinitely easier. Taxpayers will undoubtedly hear more of this proposed economic tax as an effort is being made to get it definitely before Congress.

HIGH COST OF PRESS AGENTS.

A vigorous weeding out of government press agencies which came into full bloom during the war and which cost the public treasury some \$2,500,000 for annual upkeep is well under way by the joint committee on printing of the House and Senate. Already 108 of the 226 of these bureaus found to be maintained at government expense have been ordered discontinued. This effects a reduction of \$1,200,000 in the total annual cost and the printing knife is still at work. Senator Spaulding, who has been making a special study of this new feature of Democratic government, expects to lay the result of this inquiry before the Senate this week. A vast amount of the output of these governmental press agencies has been found to be purely propaganda both for Democratic officials personally and for policies which they want to put across. Millions of their copies are being widely distributed, some of them in the interest of the league of nations without reservation. Among other things the committee discovered that the administration is maintaining at public expense 257 printing plants wholly separate from the huge government printing office which is said to be the largest printing plant in the world. In the interest of economy the committee has ordered some of these to be closed and will consolidate others.

The evil has proved an elusive one for Congress to meet and effectively down. Time and again appropriations for press agents requested by various government departments have been refused but they have hopped up again in the guise of clerks and the mimeographs continue merrily grinding out the usual propaganda. The appropriation committees of Congress tried especially in the interest of economy of public money to check this political propagandizing on the part of the administration through these agencies. The typical administration press agent works on the theory that he should exploit everything favorable and suppress every thing unfavorable to the administration. He is always ready with the mimeograph and reams of paper as his weapons to defend the administration against any and all criticism and unfavorable comments. They exploit the accomplishments of officials and suppress details that are not to their credit. Various estimates of the millions of the people's money that has been spent by the administration in press agenting have been made. Even efforts by the administration to get an accounting of the vast sums that have been spent by the administration in press agenting have been made. Even efforts by the administration to get an accounting of the vast sums expended by the clerk bureaus which newspapermen believe to be a typical example of administration press agenting have met with little success.

Some Reno republicans are engaged in bidding for proxies from county delegates for the purpose of using them in the interest of candidates who distrust the convention. For the benefit of these candidates it should be stated that proxies cannot be voted in the convention unless they are held by a member of the regularly constituted county central committee.

The Turks act as if they had never even read the Fourteen points which we were told by the administration press agents had changed their sinful natures.

The Democratic politicians and organs are now busy cursing the Republican Congress because it can't stop the extravagance of the administration or pay its big bills without levying taxes.

Champ Clark announces that he will not be a candidate for senator but will run again for Congress. Champ believes that a

bird in the hand is worth a couple in the bush in the present state of the Missouri bushes.

The failure of the Senate to swallow the treaty whole is said to be responsible for the revolution in German. Supposedly it is also to blame for the failure of the revolution. No one has laid the "blame" epidemic on the Senate yet, but the silly season is not yet far advanced.

FINEST HOLSTEIN CALF IN THE WORLD

(Associated Press)

WOODLAND, April 13.—A bull calf, said to be the finest bred Holstein in the world, was born recently at the A. W. Morris ranch near here. Its dam is Tully Alcar, a cow who holds seven world records for milk production and the sire is Carnation King Sylvia, owned by the Carnation Stock Farm, Seattle, purchased as a calf by the present owners for \$108,000.

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Shaw, Plaintiff, vs. State of Nevada, Defendant. You are hereby summoned to appear within ten days after the service upon you of this summons if served in said county, or within twenty days if served out of said county but within the time specified in the summons, to defend the above entitled action. Said action is brought to obtain a decree of absolute divorce from the defendant upon the grounds of non-support for a period of more than one year, as more fully appears from the complaint on file in said action dated March 28, 1920.

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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 1st day of May, 1920, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, 1920, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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